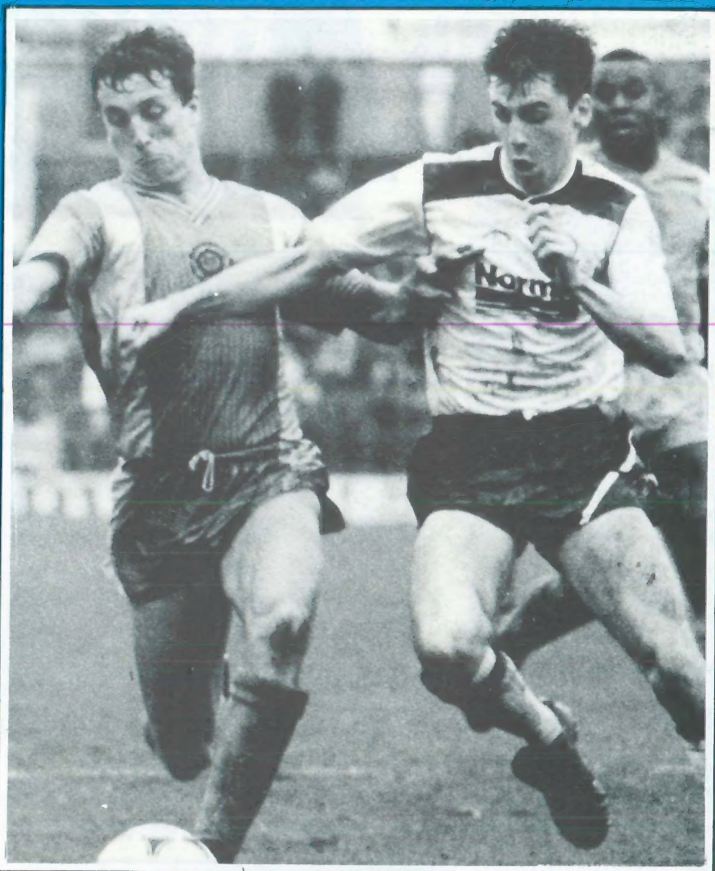




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# Notes from the boss.....

I SAID right at the start that October was going to be a very hard month for us and here we are, right in the middle, facing yet another difficult encounter.

After a series of hard games, in which some of the results denied us the rewards we really thought we deserved, we take on Graham Turner's Wolves, who I'm sure will be one of the front-runners in the promotion race.

For those who missed it, the statistics from our game at Port Vale last Saturday show only that we lost to a late goal. But the supporters who were at the game will confirm that our level of performance against the team on top of the league was of the highest calibre.

We were all disappointed, the players, the fans, everyone. But, looking on the positive side, we will not go far wrong if we can maintain that level of performance from now on.

We have got to make sure it continues. For one reason or another we

have lost a few points we really should have had in the bag, but that is no reason to start worrying or panicking.

I'm looking forward to seeing a good crowd here this afternoon and enjoying a good atmosphere without any of the tasteless hostility that we can all do without.

The lads are playing football as if they are enjoying it and I get the feeling that the fans are enjoying it too.

Things are beginning to take shape and those who have come along to our recent reserve games will confirm that things are also going well at that level.

On the fitness front Mark Came is coming along well, doing his set exercises on a daily basis, and Jeff Chandler is close to playing again.

We have every reason to be pleased with the way things are going here and the right result today would at least give us the reward I feel we have been denied in some of our recent games.



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# Burnden Visitors



## WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

Today's visitors Wolves, finished as last season's Fourth Division champions and also won the Sherpa Van Trophy, finally beating Burnley in the Final. Last season saw us win 1-0 at Burnden before going down 0-4 at Molineux in a season when Wolves topped the Table from October right through to May, winning the Division by 5 points from Cardiff City.

Graham Turner has completely recharged the famous old club since taking over the reins and is now looking for another successful season with promotion to Division Two his target. With prolific goalscorer Steve Bull scoring over 50 goals last season and ex Southport striker Andy Mutch contributing 20 goals, Wolves have a lethal strike force and recent signing from Peterborough Mick Gooding also has an eye for goal having scored 22 goals from midfield last season. Goalkeeper Mark Kendall kept a clean sheet on 26 occasions, establishing a new Club record last season and with experienced Ally Robertson marshaling the back four superbly Wolves had a well balanced look about them.

Currently in the top half of the Table Wolves were beaten at Bury on the first Saturday of the season and more recently away to Sheffield United. Good wins over Swansea, Reading and Chesterfield lifted them into the top four and they have also shared the spoils with port Vale and Fulham.

### PEN PICTURES

**VINCE BARTRAM:** (Goalkeeper) Born Birmingham; aged 22. Joined Wolves from a local non-league club at the start of 1985/86 season. Made league debut in August 1986 at home to Cambridge.

**TOM BENNETT:** (Defender) Born Falkirk, Scotland; aged 18. Signed during the close season on free transfer from Aston Villa.

**GARY BELLAMY:** (Defender) Born Worksop; aged 25. Signed from Chesterfield in July 1987 for £17,000. Joined Chesterfield as an apprentice and made over 150 first team appearances for them.

**CHRIS BRINDLEY:** (C. Defender) Born Tittensor, Stoke-on-Trent; aged 19. Signed from non-league club Hednesford Town in November 1986. Made league debut on

Boxing Day 1986 away to Hereford.

**STEPHEN BULL:** (Striker) Born West Bromwich, West Midlands; aged 23. Signed from West Bromwich for a substantial fee in November 1986. He made several appearances in West Bromwich Albions first team. Made debut for Wolves at home to Wrexham on 22nd November, 1986. He was a top goal scorer last season with 52 goals.

**NICK CLARKE:** (Defender) Born Walsall, West Midlands; aged 20. A strong local lad, signed professional forms on 13th February, 1985. He is a solid tackler and a good quality defender. Made his debut in the opening game of the 1985/86 season at Brentford.

**PHIL CHARD:** (Midfield) Born Corby; aged 27. Signed from Northampton in March 1988 for a sizeable fee. Made his debut for Wolves against Darlington on 26th March and scored one of the goals in the 5-3 victory. Previous clubs - Peterborough and Northampton - and was captain of the latter.

**ROBERT DENNISON:** (Forward) Born Banbridge, Co. Down; aged 25. Signed from West Bromwich for a medium sized fee in March 1987. Made his debut in March 1987 at a home game against Swansea.

**KEITH DOWNING:** (Defender) Born Oldbury; aged 23. Signed on free transfer from Notts. County in 1986/87 close season for whom he made several first team appearances last season. Made debut for Wolves at the opening game of the 1987/88 season against Scarborough.

**JACKIE GALLAGHER:** (Forward) Born Wisbech; aged 30. Signed from Peterborough Utd. during 1986/87 close season for £8,000 previous clubs Lincoln, Torquay and Peterborough.

**PAUL GRAINGER:** (Midfield) Born Bloxwich, West Midlands; aged 20. Signed from Mile Oak Rovers in February 1988 after previously being an apprentice at Aston Villa.

**ROBERT KELLY:** (Midfield) Born Birmingham; aged 24. Signed from Leicester City on 27th February, 1987. Robert is a local lad, who started his career with Leicester as an apprentice. Made his debut for Wolves at our



# Burnden Visitors

home game against Colchester on 3rd March, 1987.

**MARK KENDALL:** (Goalkeeper) Born Blackwood, South Wales; aged 30. Signed from Newport County after a one month spell on loan with Wolves. He made over 200 appearances for Newport County. Previously played for Chesterfield and Tottenham. Mark was also a Welsh U-21 International Goalkeeper. Made his first team appearance for Wolves against Peterborough Utd. on 1st January, 1987.

**ANDY MUTCH:** (Striker) Born Liverpool; aged 25. Signed for a small fee from Multipart League Club, Southport, in February 1986. Made debut for Wolves at home against Rotherham on 8th March, 1986.

**ALLY ROBERTSON:** (C.Defender) Born Philipstoun; aged 35. Signed on free transfer in October 1986 from West Bromwich Albion after making 500 appearances for the Baggies. Good solid defender who was the backbone of Wolves defence during 1987/88 season.

**PHIL ROBINSON:** (Midfield) Born Stafford; aged 21. Signed from Aston Villa in close season of 1986/87 for a

small fee. Joined them as an apprentice and signed professional during 86/87 season and made two first team appearances.

**FLOYD STREETE:** (Midfield) Born Jamaica; aged 28. Joined Wolves in October 1985 from Derby County for a small fee. He was previously with Cambridge Utd.

**ANDY THOMPSON:** (Midfield) Born Wolverhampton; aged 21. Signed from West Bromwich for a substantial fee in November 1986. He made several appearances in Albion's first team. Made his debut for Wolves against Wrexham on 22nd November, 1986.

**NIGEL VAUGHAN:** (Midfield) Born Caerleon, Gwent; aged 29. Signed from Cardiff City for £11,500 in August 1987. He made over 400 appearances for Newport County and Cardiff and scored over 50 goals. He is also a Welsh International.

**MARK VENUS:** (Defender) Born Hartlepool; aged 21. Signed from Leicester City in March 1988 for a sizeable fee. Made his debut in the 1-0 home defeat against Peterborough on 22nd March, 1988.



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# MATCH REPORT



With the mid-week World Cup qualifier against Sweden in mid-week, the First Division matches were rather diminished. High flyers Millwall were one of the survivors and missed out on the opportunity to go to top spot away at Coventry. They did however salvage a point in a scoreless draw.

Around the rest of the Barclays League, in Division 3 we traveled to table toppers Port Vale where a Ray Walker winner in 'overtime' bagged the points for the home side. On this impressive Bolton performance it won't be long before smiles return. Blackpool entertained free scoring Sheffield United at Bloomfield Road but failed to halt the Blades in a 2-1 defeat.

Today's visitors entertained Wigan and the 10,320 spectators who turned up indicate that the old times could be returning to Molyneaux. Neighbours Preston had a fine 3-0 away victory at Chesterfield.

In Division 2 Blackburn had to show their determination to overcome a stubborn Barnsley outfit. A 60th minute Howard Gayle spot kick swayed the outcome Rovers' way in a 2-1 win and their reward was top place.

Meanwhile, Watford faltered at Vicarage Road where bottom placed Brighton salvaged a valuable point in a 1-1 draw. Manchester City, fresh from their Littlewoods Cup victory at Plymouth found themselves back on the same patch for this League fixture and again silenced the

pilgrims thanks to a Brian Gayle winner in a 1-0 victory. City now coming into their expected form are sitting pretty behind the leaders. At Boundary Park, Chelsea mastered the artificial surface and ran out 4-1 winners against sad Oldham.

Ron Atkinson left West. Brom for Atletico Madrid but signed off with a 4-1 victory at Birmingham in the Midland's 'derby'.

Former Wanderer, Jimmy Phillips got on the score sheet for Oxford in their fine away win at Ipswich.

## Port Vale 2 v Bolton 1

Port Vale Midfield Star Ray Walker kept his side at the top of the Third Division with a dramatic late winner over fourth-placed Bolton.

It was Walker who popped up to prod home the winner in the fourth minute of extra time in front of almost 9,000 fans - Vale's best gate of the season.

Vale had gone ahead early on through full-back Riley and were good value for the lead as Bolton produced plenty of effort and enterprise but few clear openings.

It was Grew's inability to come off his line to thwart Brookman's run which saw the Bolton man slide the ball home in the fourth minute of injury time at the end of the first half.

Twice Grew pulled off stops from Thomas and hard working Bolton threw men forward in a thunderous second half.

Then, with both sides punch-drunk and hanging on the final whistle, Walker burst through a crowded penalty area to get the winner with just ten seconds to go before the finish.



# BEHIND THE SCENES

## SHERPA VAN TROPHY LAUNCHED

The Draw for the Preliminary Round of the Sherpa Van Trophy was made last week. We have been drawn in Group One. Dates are as follows:

- 22nd November - Bury v Bolton
- 29th November - Bolton v Preston
- 13th December - Preston v Bury

The top two out of each group qualify for the First Round draw with the winners of each group being seeded for a home tie.

## OLD BOLTON BOYS ON MOVE

Over the last few weeks has seen a number of ex-Wanderers players on the move:

Mike Graham - moved from Mansfield to Carlisle

Gerry McElhinney - moved from Plymouth to Peterborough

Mark Gavin - moved from Hearts to Bristol C.

Tony Caldwell - moved from Bristol C. to Grimsby

Tony Caldwell - moved from Grimsby to Stockport

Somebody mentioned that Tony didn't like the fish in Grimsby but then admitted they were only 'coddling'!

## Lancashire League Bolton Wanderers 'A' Team Early Season Results

- Sat. 20th Aug. 1-2 Carlisle United (A)
- Sat. 27th Aug. 1-0 Preston North End (H)
- Sat. 17th Sept. 0-2 Manchester Utd. 'A' (A)
- Tue. 20th Sept. 1-3 Marine Res. (A)
- Sat. 1st Oct. 1-2 Everton 'A' (A)
- Sat. 8th Oct. 2-0 Liverpool 'A' (H)
- Sat. 15th Oct. 2-0 Burnley Res. (A)

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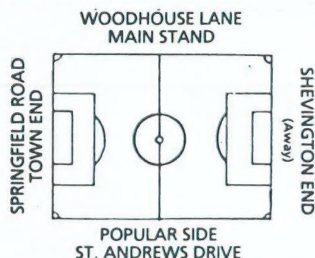
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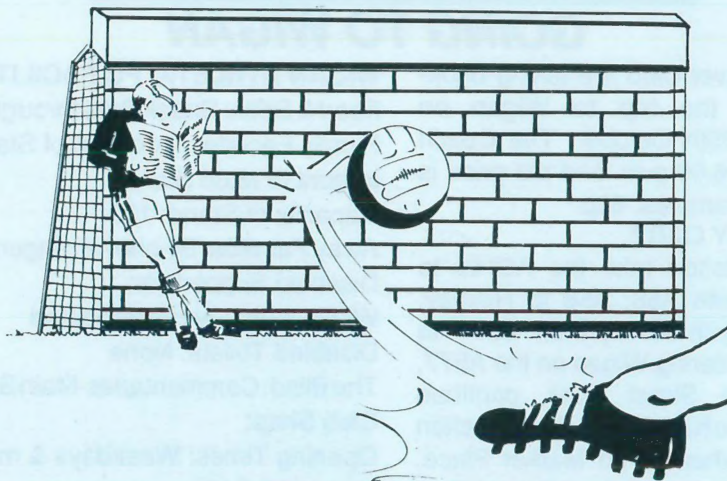
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**5 YEARS AGO:** A couple of spectacular goals from Jeff Chandler and Tony Caldwell gave the Wanderers a 2-1 win at Port Vale to record their first win in six attempts. Jeff Chandler put Bolton in front in the 24th minute with a half volley on the turn but bottom of the table Vale equalized through Colin Tartt. Tony Caldwell then produced a solo classic as he left three Vale defenders in his wake before going on to shoot low past Chris Pearce to record his 13th goal in as many games and lead the Third Division goalscoring chart.

**10 YEARS AGO:** The Wanderers shared the points in a four goal thriller with Manchester City at Burnden. Roger Palmer's opportunism led to him giving City the lead in the 13th minute but Alan Gowing equalized with a glancing header from a Frank Worthington cross. Three minutes after the interval the Wanderers took the lead when Worthington side footed home a Brian Smith cross with City's defence absent. The championship contenders fought back to equalize in the 70th minute through Gary Owen as the England under-21 captain recorded his fifth goal in three games.

**15 YEARS AGO:** A Brian Clark goal was enough to give Millwall the points at Burnden as their keeper Bryan King produced a brilliant display to foil Bolton.

Orient climbed into second spot in the Second Division after defeating Bolton 3-0 at Brisbane Road. Gerry Queen fired them in front in the 53rd minute, converted a penalty ten minutes later, whilst Barrie Fairbrother notched a third with a header in the 74th minute.

**100 YEARS AGO:** Bolton went down 3-2 to second placed Aston Villa at Pikes Lane in a league encounter.

A week later 5,000 turned up to see the Wanderers defeat Bootle 4-0 in a friendly whilst the reserves drew 0-0 in an F.A. Cup Second qualifying round tie at West Manchester. The Mancunians scored during extra time but the referee had to stop the game due to darkness and a draw was declared the game being abandoned.

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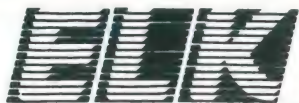
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# RESERVE AND YOUTH NEWS

**28th September, 1988.**

**FA Youth Cup 1st Qualifying Round**  
**Huddersfield Town .....1**  
**Bolton Wanderers .....1**

The Wanderers' Youth team appeared to have the edge over Huddersfield at Leeds Road, settling down after some anxious moments to take a 12th minute lead. A Darren Oliver free kick found Mike Jeffrey whose cross caused panic in the home defence and Alan Stubbs was on hand to shoot home from a rebound off the 'keeper. Long range efforts continued to keep Robert Wright in the Town goal busy but as the second half wore on the Wanderers began to tire especially up front.

Huddersfield capitalised after the Wanderers had lost the ball in midfield to send Kevin Donovan clear. His shot was blocked by Simon Sharrocks but the rebound fell to Jason Byrne who slotted home to equalise in the 76th minute.

**TEAM:-** Sharrocks, Roberts, Oliver, Mason, Jackson, Spooner, Gaskell, SStill, Jeffrey, Stubbs, Still. **Subs:** Hart, Edge for Gaskell.

**3rd October, 1988. - Replay**  
**Bolton Wanderers .....1**  
**Huddersfield Town .....2**

The Wanderers youngsters went out of the major Youth competition on home territory for the third successive season as Huddersfield, looking a much tougher proposition than they had done in the

game at Leeds Road, won 2-1.

It was an off key performance from Bolton and it needed something special to bring them back into the game after John Hilditch had put Huddersfield in front after a defensive mix up. Mike Jeffrey made an enterprising run at goal and reached the edge of the penalty area before playing the ball to Keiron Hughes who backheeled it into Jeffrey's path to shoot low into the net nine minutes after the interval. Despite the boost the youngsters still couldn't get it together and Huddersfield scrambled the winner in the 76th minute when Brian Byrne headed home from a right wing corner.

**TEAM:-** Sharrocks, Roberts, Oliver, Mason, Jackson, Spooner, Gaskell, SStill, Jeffrey, Stubbs, Fisher. **Subs:** Hughes for Roberts, Edge.

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## UNBEATEN START

It looks like being another close finish to the youth section of the Bolton Boys Federation with three teams having an unbeaten start to the season.

HB Wanderers, despite a large turn-around of players, have got off to a good start with five straight wins, the top of the table being as follows:

	Pl	W	D	L	Pts
Moss Bank	7	7	0	0	14
HB Wanderers	5	5	0	0	10
Daisy Hill	4	4	0	0	8
Leigh Arms	6	4	0	2	8
Radcliffe	7	4	0	3	8



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# SAFE HANS

I just couldn't believe it, coming away from Vale Park last Saturday with no reward for a fighting performance which deserved three points, but got none. The amount of injury time played was quite amazing, it just seemed to go on and on until somebody scored and unfortunately from our point of view it was Port Vale.

Reading the Port Vale programme, they were expressing the view of being robbed of three points in a recent League match at Wolves; well at least they came away with a point! It's no good keep moaning about our luck at the moment, but when - if ever - it turns our way then a lot of teams had better look out.

Nicky Brookman was outstanding last weekend, stepping in as a late replacement for Steve Thompson. His enthusiasm and non-stop running were first class and if he can reproduce that sort of form week in and week out then I am sure he can make a regular first team spot his own.

Today's encounter with Wolves should

see another healthy attendance with crowds at the moment averaging over 6,000 here at Burnden and if the lads can maintain the quality of football being played then there's no reason why that 'average' shouldn't rise.

Looking forward to next month and the start of the F.A. Cup with the first round getting under way on the 19th November. It would be an added bonus if we could manage to be drawn out of the hat first and get a home tie. Last season saw us drawn away at Burnley, Wrexham and Barnsley so surely the gods must be on our side this time with a home game. The B.B.C. this year have the exclusive rights to the F.A. Cup so you never know, the Whites could well be featured as one of the teams on the live 'Match of the Day'.

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# SIMON MARLAND

## RECOLLECTIONS

It is almost a hundred years since the Football League's two Wanderers first encountered one another. On 10th November, 1888 Bolton visited Wolves' former ground at Dudley Road and went down 3-2 with their winner coming in the dying seconds from Knight.

The following month Bolton gained revenge with a 2-1 win at Pikes Lane, the Wolves being 40 minutes late in arriving.

This form continued for a spell with Wolves winning only once in eighteen visits, that coming in April 1897 and Bolton twice putting six into the visitors net in the intervening period.

Wolves' luck at Burnden finally changed on Christmas Day 1935 when they won 3-0 commencing a run of seven visits with only one defeat.

The 1950's saw some incredible scores between the clubs. Wolves winning 7-1 in September 1950, as Bolton went down to their fourth defeat in the opening five games of the season, 5-1 in October 1951 and 6-1 in August 1958, all at Molineux.

Bolton won 6-1 at Burnden in February 1955, Ray Parry hitting a hat trick, and gained revenge for

their drubbing in 1958 by knocking Wolves out of the F.A. Cup the same season and collecting the Charity Shield at their expense. Bolton also ended the then mighty Wolves' interest in the F.A. Cup in 1959, at Molineux, coming from behind to win 2-1.

Both clubs lost their First Division status during the 1960's and it wasn't until 1978 that the two Wanderers were once again battling it out in the top flight.

Unfortunately since then the pattern has been similar for both Bolton and Wolves with the first Third Division meetings in 1985/86, in which Bolton completed the double, and last season in the Fourth Division. Each club was successful on home territory which culminated in promotion and hopefully a revival that will eventually bring back meetings at the highest level for the League's Wanderers.

Our League record against Wolves is as follows:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	48	27	9	12	93	61
Away	48	9	9	30	51	122
Total	96	36	18	42	144	183



*David Cross heading home Bolton's fourth goal in 4-1 win over Wolves in September 1985.*

*Roger Walker looks on.*

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# NATS DIARY

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## A REVIEW OF NATS INTERNATIONAL CAREER

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25th MAY, 1952.

No. 7

AUSTRIA 2 v ENGLAND 3

Austria, considered to be the strongest continental side, were beaten by England watched by English troops, mingling with the 60,000 crowd in the Prater Stadium, in the sector of Vienna.

Nat Lofthouse fastened onto a Sewell pass to put England in front in the 28th minute but a minute later Huber equalized from the penalty spot after Froggatt had brought down Dienst.

Sewell restored England's lead after 31 minutes with an individual effort but three minutes from half time things were squared once again when Dienst equalized.

The Austrians were, perhaps, technically the better footballers and looked the more dangerous, but they made the mistake of trying to walk the ball into the net and leaving their defence wide open.

Lofthouse had taken another hammering in a rough encounter but his direct methods upset the Austrian defence and in the 82nd minute he broke clear. Musil darted out of his

goal but Lofthouse shot as the two collided and the ball ended up in the net for England's winner.

And so was born the Lion of Vienna tag as the British Occupation troops celebrated England's first win in Vienna for 44 years by swarming onto the pitch to carry the victorious players off shoulder high.

### TEAMS

ENGLAND: Merrick (Birmingham), Ramsey (Spurs), Eckersley (Blackburn), Wright (Wolves)(Capt.), Froggatt (Portsmouth), Dickinson (Portsmouth), Finney (Preston), Sewell (Sheff. Wed.), Lofthouse (Bolton), Bailey (Spurs), Elliott (Burnley).

AUSTRIA: Musil (Rapid), Roecki (Vienna), Happel (Rapid), Schleger (Austria Vienna), Ocwirk (Austria Vienna), Brinek (Wacker), Melchior (Austria Vienna), Hanappi (Rapid), Dienst (Rapid), Huber (Austria Vienna), Haumner (Wacker).

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW



In football circles, be they young or old, everybody knows of Nat Lofthouse and Nat has the unique 'knack' of remembering names and faces. Like a recent situation when a spritely pensioner approached Nat and asked, "are you Nat Lofthouse?" - and the immediate reply was "Yes, and you're Eric Eastwood of Manchester City."

Eric, who lives in the Astley Bridge area of Bolton was on the Maine Road staff when Matt. Busby was their regular right half and coming through was big Frank Swift, who goes into soccer's history books as one of England's greatest goalkeepers. Eric reflected, "Frank was one of the few who could pick up the ball with one hand and was a marvelous 'keeper. For me he was the king of the all." Eric remembers Nat starting off as a raw youth and actually playing against him.

There's another unusual coincidence surrounding Eric Eastwood. His son-in-law is former Bolton pivot, John Napier. The Irish centre half spent quite a few seasons at Burnden Park before being transferred to Brighton. From Brighton he moved to Bradford City, first as a player and then later as coach.

It was at Valley Parade that John Napier tasted his first and only time in management but that only lasted for twelve months. Working on tight purse strings he found life difficult and with no money to build a team, he gave up the job for a spell on the American circuit. He played for Baltimore and Washington in the North American League as well as coaching the young hopefuls.

John became to like the States so much that he decided to emigrate and has now been out there for some ten years. Enjoying the sunshine he has made his home in Sandiego, right on the Mexican border and nowadays runs his own soccer coaching school, after a spell operating a sports outfit-  
ters.

It's funny how we can track down an ex-player some 6,000 miles away, but one who has escaped is Hugh Curran. The former Wolves and Bolton centre forward has, we believe, taken the high road to his native Scotland, but where?

His last Club was Oxford and after leaving there, he moved into a pub called the Red Lion at Kidlington, but has since moved on. Perhaps someone can help us track him down.



# Personality Profile.

## DEAN CROMBIE

Today's profile features versatile defender Dean Crombie who joined the Whites at the beginning of last season from Grimsby Town. Dean began his League career at Lincoln, who were then managed by Graham Taylor who is of course now manager of Aston Villa. Being born in Lincoln and supporting the club as a schoolboy it was something of a dream come true, signing for his home city. Playing for Lincoln at this time were Sam Ellis and Ian Branfoot, now managers of Blackpool and Reading respectively.

Dean stayed at Lincoln for two seasons before being given a free transfer but he was quickly snapped up by Grimsby Town and speaks with fondness of the nine seasons he spent there. "Yes, I made a lot of friends over at Grimsby and it was good being part of a successful team that climbed from the Fourth Division to the Second and very nearly made it to the First." You could say that Dean saw off four managers in his spell at Blundell Park, those being John Newman, George Kerr, Dave Booth and Mick Lyons. When he was asked about any games that stood out he recalls a certain Division Two encounter at Stamford Bridge when Chelsea were 2-0 up at half-time but Grimsby came back to win 3-2. "What a game that was, and I also remember 3 games we had with Wolves in the Cup when they had Andy Gray and John Richards going strong." In his spell at Grimsby he was Club Captain and also played with current team mates Dave Felgate and Gary Henshaw.

In his last season with Grimsby, Dean had problems with injury and had to have a hernia operation which kept him out of the team. When he was fit he joined Reading on loan and played six games for them before returning to Grimsby and first team action. Although Grimsby wanted him to stay, both Bolton and

York moved in for him and when Dean traveled over to meet 'the boss' he liked the set-up and signed.

Dean soon became a favourite with the crowd and his cool defending and passing ability soon started to shine through. Things were going well until injury in the Cup tie at Wrexham put him out until Easter Saturday when he played a major part in the tremendous away win at Orient which earned the Whites 'The Fiat Performance of the Week Award'. Injury a few games later kept him out of the line-up at Wrexham when victory ensured promotion, but Dean was there to witness those tremendous celebrations.

The ankle injury he suffered last season which kept him out for nearly four months goes down as the low spot of his career, mainly because his career up to then had been relatively injury-free. Moving over to his high spot and Dean explains, "Yes it's got to be choosing the right club, when I had the chance to join Bolton or York, because we've gone from strength to strength winning promotion and doing well this season while York who were then a Third Division Club have gone down and are struggling in the Fourth."

Dean names George Kerr and Terry Derracot as the two people who have helped him the most in football and still admits that his Schoolboy and first club Lincoln are the team he always looks for first after finishing a match. When asked had anybody caught his eye in the Juniors, "Chris O'Brien and Darren Oliver" came the reply.

Although Dean is still going strong, when his playing career comes to an end he would love to stay in football, moving over to the coaching side of the game, and with his commitment and love of the game, Dean Crombie will continue to be a winner.

# LEAGUE SCENE

## DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Port Vale.....	10	7	2	1	25	8	23
Sheff. Utd....	9	7	0	2	26	9	21
Wolves.....	10	5	3	2	19	14	18
Fulham.....	10	5	2	3	20	14	17
Mansfield.....	10	4	5	1	12	8	17
Swansea.....	9	6	2	2	12	11	17
Reading.....	10	5	1	4	15	13	16
Chester.....	10	4	4	2	18	18	16
Bolton.....	10	4	3	3	17	11	15
Preston.....	10	4	3	3	13	12	15
Bristol City....	10	4	3	3	12	11	15
Bristol Rov....	10	4	3	3	16	16	15
Bury.....	9	4	2	3	11	8	14
Brentford.....	10	4	2	4	14	14	14
North'ton.....	10	4	1	5	15	14	13
Hudd'field....	10	4	1	5	11	13	13
Notts City.....	10	2	5	32	9	9	11
Blackpool.....	10	2	4	4	13	13	10
Wigan.....	9	2	3	4	11	13	9
Southend.....	10	2	3	5	9	13	9
Gillingham.....	10	2	1	7	9	13	6
Cardiff.....	9	1	3	4	8	16	6
Chesterfield....	10	2	0	8	4	27	6
Aldershot.....	10	1	2	7	9	25	5

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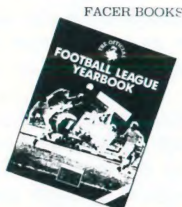
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30	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	H	10	3,535	Fulgate

### SEPTEMBER

3	Cardiff City	H	4-0	4,831	Fulgate
6	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	A	1-3	3,784	Fulgate
10	Reading	A	1-1	4,660	Fulgate
17	Bristol Rovers	H	1-1	4,821	Fulgate
20	Fulham (Tues)	H	3-2	4,289	Fulgate
24	Aldershot	A	3-0	2,127	Fulgate

### OCTOBER

1	Sheffield	H	20	9,345	Fulgate
4	Swansea City (Tues)	A	01	3,283	Fulgate
8	Blackpool	H	22	7,106	Fulgate
15	Port Vale	A	12	7,985	Fulgate
22	Wolverhampton W.	A			
25	Wigan Ath. (Tues)	H			
29	Chesterfield	H			

### NOVEMBER

5	Bristol City	A			
8	Huddersfield T. (Tues)	A			
12	Bury	H			
19	(F.A. Cup 1st Round)				
26	Northampton T.	H			

### DECEMBER

3	Brentford	A			
10	(F.A. Cup 2nd Round)				
17	Chester City	H			
26	Preston N.E. (Mon)	A			
31	Notts County	A			

### JANUARY 1989

2	Mansfield T. (Mon)	H			
7	Gillingham (F.A.3)	H			
14	Cardiff City	A			
21	Reading	H			
28	Bristol Rovers (F.A.4)	A			

### FEBRUARY

4	Sheffield Utd.	A			
11	Swansea City	H			
18	Blackpool (F.A.5)	A			
25	Port Vale	H			
28	Wigan Ath. (Tues.)	H			

### MARCH

4	Wolverhampton W.	A			
11	Bristol City	H			
14	Chesterfield (Tues)	A			
19	Southend (F.A.6)	H			
25	Mansfield T.	A			
27	Preston N.E. (Mon)	H			

### APRIL

1	Chester City	A			
4	Gillingham (Tues)	A			
8	Notts County	H			
15	Fulham (F.A.SF)	A			
18	Northampton (Tues)	A			
22	Aldershot	H			
29	Bury	A			

### MAY

1	Huddersfield (Mon)	H			
6	Brentford	H			
20	F.A. Cup Final				

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## TODAY'S REFEREE

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